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Celebrating a Decade of Environmental Stewardship

RRFB Nova Scotia **2006 Annual Report**

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THE POWER OF ACHIEVEMENT

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ADDING UP OUR SUCCESSES IN 2006

In fiscal 2006, RRFB Nova Scotia-funded programs diverted a wide range of materials from disposal:

Beverage Program

- Containers on which deposits were received: 330 million (311.7 million in 2005)
- Redemptions: 259 million containers (246 million in 2005)
- Recovery rate: 78.4 % (79.3 % in 2005)

Tire Program

- Tires collected: 1.017 million (805,000 in 2005)
- Tire recovery rate: 91.8 % (72.4% in 2005)

Paint Program

- Containers sold: 2.03 million (2.283 million in 2005)
- Containers collected: 279,000 units (271,000 in 2005)
- Paint collected: 318,000 litres (302,000 litres in 2005)
- Used paint container recovery rate: 12.7 % (11.5%)
- Non-program materials: 26,000 units (25,000 in 2005)

Municipal Programs

- 70,000 tonnes of organic waste diverted through residential, commercial and institutional collection at municipal composting facilities
- 1,658 derelict vehicles removed from roadsides and properties around the province
- hundreds of illegal dumpsites cleaned up

RRFB NOVA SCOTIA FUNDING AT A GLANCE: 2006

- Nearly $7.4 million (58% of net revenues) to Nova Scotia's 52 municipalities for diversion credits and funding for local recycling, composting and other programs
- $1.5 million to educate Nova Scotians and build ongoing support for environmental action
- $218,000 to private sector projects to support environmental entrepreneurs and encourage innovations in waste reduction

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Ten is a powerful number.

Scientists, mathematicians and other thinkers have long known the significance of the "power of 10." It's an idea that helps us understand and appreciate large numbers and differences in scale. Indeed, changing a scale by powers of 10 can dramatically alter our perspective – from the core of an atom to the edge of a galaxy.

A little closer to home, RRFB Nova Scotia celebrates another power of 10 this year: 2006 marks our first decade of environmental stewardship and leadership. In this relatively short time we have seen major incremental changes in how Nova Scotians think about solid waste, and how we as a province manage this valuable resource.

In many ways, RRFB Nova Scotia's history and achievements are rooted in the power of 10. From our beginnings in 1996, the 10-cent deposit on beverage containers has been, and continues to be, an economic driver behind our many programs across the province. Since 1996, $65 million has been distributed to our municipal partners throughout Nova Scotia to assist with their innovative efforts to reduce, recycle and compost solid waste. Ten to the power of nine – or 1 billion – is a happily recurring theme throughout the past decade. In September 2001, the billionth beverage container was recycled in Nova Scotia. And just this past year the two-billionth container was recycled.

Talk about exponential change. These and other highlights of RRFB Nova Scotia's past ten years are explored in more detail throughout this year's annual report.

In fiscal 2006, our organization continued on a fixed path with a clear focus on delivering our core mandates and turning solid waste into new products and business opportunities.

This past year was a steady transition into a new decade of operations and progress. RRFB Nova Scotia continued its search for a new Chief Executive Officer who is expected to be in place within the next year. Our revenues and financial picture remained strong for fiscal 2006. Recycling rates in Nova Scotia remained stable during the year, providing a positive revenue stream to deliver our waste reduction and stewardship programs, public education efforts and ongoing studies.

RRFB Nova Scotia continued to explore new ways to reduce and divert solid waste. Nova Scotia's beverage container recycling program was expanded to include health, energy and diet drinks. This means more than one million additional beverage containers each year will be diverted from the waste stream and recycled.

This year, RRFB Nova Scotia funded a study to investigate opportunities for recycling glass in our province. Further, we undertook a study to determine the volume of construction and demolition waste generated, and how we can best divert it from Nova Scotia's landfills.

As we embark on our second decade, RRFB Nova Scotia will continue to play an active role in developing solid waste management policies with our municipal and provincial government partners. We will work closely with the business community to create new value-added products from waste materials and promote increased stewardship of our resources. We will fund education programs that support Nova Scotians' long-standing commitment to recycling and composting. And we will continue to work with ENVIRO-DEPOT™ operators to ensure their businesses remain viable and accountable.

In the past ten years we've made great progress, thanks to the dedication and commitment shown by Nova Scotians to protect the environment and transform solid waste into opportunities. Recycling and composting are now second nature for households and communities everywhere in our province. These outstanding efforts have made a major impact on our environment and economy.

RRFB Nova Scotia's Board of Directors continued to provide insight and leadership during fiscal 2006. In the coming year, the Board will re-position our organization and develop a long-term strategic plan that builds on our reputation as a waste reduction leader in Canada, and internationally. I thank the Board for their constant dedication. RRFB Nova Scotia is also supported by a team of 23 dedicated staff who provide the day-to-day leadership required to manage our business. I am thankful for their determination and personal commitment to our many stakeholders and partners.

We look forward to another successful decade of sustaining positive relationships with Nova Scotia Environment and Labour, the province's 55 municipalities, 900 tire retailers, 84 Enviro-Depots and all Nova Scotians to protect and enhance our environment. Here's to another "powerful" ten years of successful solid waste management and leadership in Nova Scotia.

On behalf of RRFB Nova Scotia, I am proud to present our tenth annual report, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006.

Rick Ramsay, Chair

MANDATE 1

FUND MUNICIPAL OR REGIONAL DIVERSION PROGRAMS

In fiscal 2006, RRFB Nova Scotia distributed more than $8 million, or 82% of net revenues, to the 55 municipalities across the province. The funding helped support waste diversion programs, municipal approved programs, education and awareness contracts, derelict vehicle removal, and household hazardous waste disposal.

In addition, many municipalities launched clear bag programs for handling garbage. A clear bag program means that only garbage can be placed in clear bags. It increases the amount of waste materials that can be recycled and composted and reduces the overall cost of the municipal solid waste management programs.

Over the past year, RRFB Nova Scotia worked with Nova Scotia Environment and Labour to develop and implement an on-line municipal Data Call designed to collect information on the tonnages and recycling costs for all recycled and landfilled materials. This Data Call will enhance the process used to determine the amount of diversion funding available to municipalities.

Region 1 - Cape Breton

Fiscal 2006 marked the closure of the incinerator in Sydney and all municipal landfills on the island. Four new transfer stations were built and waste is now shipped to a new second-generation landfill in Guysborough. Inspections, education and clear bag programs for garbage have all led to an increase in the overall amount of materials diverted from the landfill.

This year Cape Breton's Recycling Hotline answered more than 8,000 inquires from residents and businesses. Also, a waste reduction education program designed to help businesses "recycle right" targeted more than 300 businesses in the hospitality sector.

ACTION PLAN 2005-2006

- Pay a minimum of 50% of net revenues to the municipalities or regions based on the amount of solid waste that they divert from disposal.
- Seek out new opportunities to increase net revenues for distribution.

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FACT

Nova Scotians dispose of almost 50% less garbage than the Canadian average.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY - A DECADE OF MUNICIPAL ACTION

RRFB Nova Scotia funds municipalities or regions to offset the costs associated with their waste diversion programs. Each year, RRFB Nova Scotia distributes a minimum of 50% of net revenues to the municipalities. Additional funding is available for household hazardous waste disposal, derelict vehicle recovery, education and awareness, advertising assistance and other approved waste diversion projects.

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Region 2A - Eastern Region (Antigonish-Guysborough)

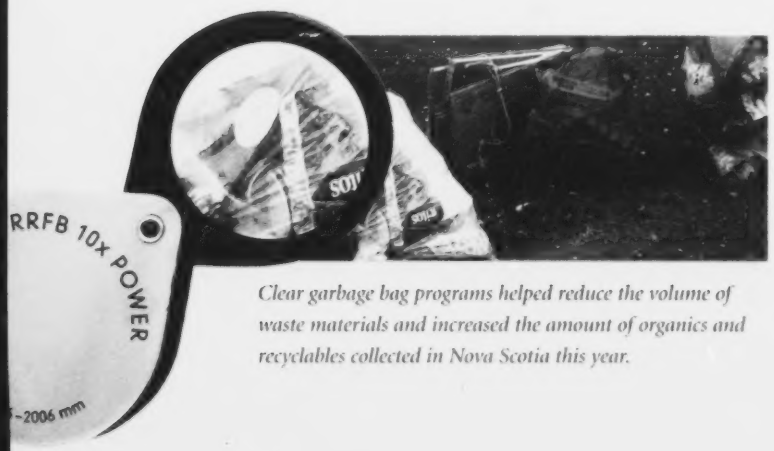
All six municipalities in the Eastern Region launched clear bag programs, which resulted in a marked increase in the amount of recyclable materials collected. Eastern Region was also represented at several events this year, including the Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition, the Super Value opening and the Stan Rogers Festival. The Region also participated in the annual Adopt-a-Highway program.

Region 2B - Pictou County

In the spring of 2005, a comprehensive Solid Waste-Resource Management Bylaw was approved to help Pictou County Solid Waste carry out its mandate. In the fall, Pictou County Solid Waste developed and implemented a clear bag program for garbage collection, which has reduced the volume of waste materials, and increased the amount of organics and recyclables collected.

The Pictou County Solid Waste team worked hard to ensure a smooth transition from the closure of the old landfill to the opening of the new transfer station at Mount William. This new facility began accepting waste from Pictou County residents and businesses in January 2006. Waste materials from the transfer station are immediately shipped to the second-generation landfill in Guysborough.

For their efforts in delivering widespread education programs to residents and their adaptability in meeting provincial landfill regulations, Pictou County Solid Waste was chosen Region of the Year in 2006.



Clear garbage bag programs helped reduce the volume of waste materials and increased the amount of organics and recyclables collected in Nova Scotia this year.

Region 3 - Northern Region (Colchester-Cumberland-East Hants)

Northern Region is made up of three distinct waste management systems. The Municipality of the District of East Hants closed its first-generation landfill in December 2005. Cumberland and Colchester Counties have operated second-generation landfills for several years. Some municipalities introduced clear bag programs that have led to a significant increase in the amount of recyclables diverted from disposal. This year, Colchester increased recycling and waste collection services to summer residences. Cottagers on private roads now enjoy seasonal curbside collection from May to October.

In the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, 116 derelict vehicles were collected, 20 illegal dumpsites cleaned up, and more than 800 bags of compost were given away to residents. Through the RRFB Nova Scotia-funded Enhanced Education Program two students were hired to carry out a "Recycle Right" promotion in Cumberland. In addition, over 700 residential curbside audits were completed; results indicate that most residents are properly sorting their waste.

Region 4 - Halifax Regional Municipality

This year HRM focused on education, monitoring and compliance to support source separation and ongoing diversion of waste materials. HRM educators reached 8,000 students by conducting class presentations and assemblies to promote waste reduction, recycling and composting. "Recycle Right" was the theme of a seven-week Rewards and Recognition program in which HRM recognized thousands of households for recycling and composting. The grand prize for the promotion was a new deck made from TREX recycled plastic.

During the year, the HRM Diversion Officer conducted 903 commercial property inspections, including 268 apartment property complexes. Some 85% of properties complied and put compost and recycling bins in place for tenants. In November 2005, HRM invited industry partners and municipal officials to a roundtable discussion on enhancing diversion in HRM. Suggestions from the discussions to be considered by HRM include: reducing bag limits; introducing clear bags for commercial waste; enhancing enforcement; and, seeking stewardship from industry.

Region 5 - Annapolis Valley

The year has been productive for Valley Waste Management Authority. The Region completed an external Facility and Service Review, in which Valley Waste's programs and services ranked high. The report also confirmed that Valley Waste's transfer facilities are overtaxed. Subsequently, the Authority is in the process of contracting services to increase the Region's recyclables processing capacity. In addition, new agreements are in place with the Municipality of Chester to ship waste to the second-generation landfill at Kaiser Meadow.

In 2006, staff developed an intensive program to improve recycling and composting quality in apartment buildings. Further, education staff worked closely with the International Student Coordinator at Acadia University to develop education materials for international students. Enforcement staff successfully prosecuted two illegal dumping violations, which generated positive media attention both locally and provincially.

Region 6 - South Shore and West Hants

In April 2005, a clear bag program for waste was introduced in the Municipality of the District of West Hants. By the end of the fiscal year, recyclables had increased 39% and garbage had decreased 35%.

The Joint Services Board of Shelburne took waste matters into their own hands this year. They now operate their own fleet of trucks to collect and haul materials to the Region of Queens Waste Management Facility. This new hands-on approach provides full service to the business sector, and gives staff a better opportunity to educate citizens and enforce regulations.

The facility in Lunenburg celebrated 10 years of operation and adopted a new name, the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre. New changes brought new programs and more outreach than ever. Their Business Reward Program has been a shining example – from food service to daycare centres – of how to optimize waste reduction. Lunenburg's extensive outreach programs netted the Recycling Centre a Mobius Award for Waste Reduction Education.

Region 7 - Western Region

In fiscal 2006, the Western region recovered 145 vehicles through the Derelict Vehicle Program. Thanks to a RRFB Nova Scotia-funded regional litter program, four summer students picked up 4,144 kg of litter throughout the region. The most common items were disposable coffee cups, cigarette packages, and fast food and snack wrappers. Twelve environmental day camps were held throughout Yarmouth and Digby Counties where youth took part in organized activities, games and crafts, and learned more about recycling and composting.

Sixty-one illegal dumpsites were cleaned up in Digby and Yarmouth Counties with an estimated 168 tonnes of waste material collected, and 50 tonnes diverted for recycling. In addition, two employees sponsored through the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps visited over 45 quick-service restaurants in the region to ensure they were complying with solid waste regulations.

Community-based initiatives such as Lunenburg's Business Reward Program created positive change throughout the province.

MANDATE 2

DEVELOP AND OPERATE A DEPOSIT - REFUND SYSTEM FOR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

RRFB Nova Scotia administers the collection, transportation, and marketing of empty beverage containers, which are recycled into new products such as aluminum cans, plastic sheeting, carpet and clothing. RRFB Nova Scotia has developed a network of licensed Enviro-Depots across the province. These depots are privately owned and operated, and employ over 300 Nova Scotians.

Expansion of Deposit-Refund Program

On January 1, 2006, RRFB Nova Scotia expanded Nova Scotia's Beverage Container Recycling Program to include health, energy and diet drinks. The popularity of these lifestyle and dietary drinks has steadily increased in recent years. Now that these beverage products are part of the Deposit-Refund Program, Nova Scotians are able to return more empty containers to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for a refund.

RRFB Nova Scotia's decision to expand the program to include ready-to-serve health, energy, and diet drinks was the result of extensive market research and consultation with health professionals. This program expansion means that approximately 1 million additional beverage containers will now be recycled.

Almost eight out of every ten beverage containers sold in the province are returned for recycling. The addition of ready-to-serve health, energy, and diet drinks will keep Nova Scotia on the leading edge of waste reduction and recycling.

Many products such as milk, milk products, soya beverages, formulated liquid diets, foods for low energy diets, baby formulas and concentrates continue to be exempt from the Deposit-Refund Program and can be recycled through municipal recycling programs.

ACTION PLAN 2005-2006

- Administer a cost-effective deposit-refund system that maximizes the recycling of redeemable beverage containers in Nova Scotia.
- Ensure that beverage distributors comply with Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations to provide the maximum environmental and economic benefits for the people of Nova Scotia.

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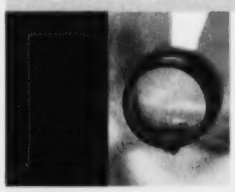


FACT

Nova Scotians recycle over 259 million beverage containers and 318,000 litres of leftover paint each year.

THE POWER OF RECYCLING – A DECADE OF DEPOSITS AND REFUNDS

The Deposit-Refund Program for Beverage Containers came into effect on April 1, 1996, and applies to most ready-to-serve beverages purchased in Nova Scotia. Consumers pay a 10-cent deposit on most beverage containers purchased, and collect a 5-cent refund for each container returned to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™. As of January 2006, Nova Scotians have recycled over two billion beverage containers, keeping these containers out of the landfill and converting them into new valuable products such as new aluminum cans, plastic sheeting, carpet and clothing.

Nova Scotia has one of the highest return rates for beverage containers in North America. Since the Beverage Container Recycling program began in 1996:

- 84 Enviro-Depots have been established across the province
- over 2 billion containers have been collected and recycled
- more than 78 % of beverage containers sold in Nova Scotia are returned for recycling

Beverage Container Return Rates

The beverage container return rate for fiscal 2006 dropped slightly to 78.4%. Return rates for aluminum and plastic PET bottles continue to be strong at over 80% – with return rates much lower (67%) for high-density opaque plastics, polycoat cardboard and Tetra-Pak juice containers.

In the coming year, return rates for all containers are expected to increase as more and more municipalities switch to using clear bags for garbage. Clear bags make residents more conscious of what materials they throw out with their garbage. As a result, in areas where clear bags have been introduced, recycling rates for all types of materials have increased significantly.

ENVIRO-DEPOT™ of the Year

This year's winner of the ENVIRO-DEPOT™ of the Year Mobius Environmental Award is a model for Enviro-Depots around the province. Arol Wentzell's family operation, which runs out of his garage in New Germany, is not only a model of efficiency and organization, it's an example of how one small ENVIRO-DEPOT™ can turn an entire community around.

All year long, residents of Lunenburg County come to Wentzell's Bottle Recycling to learn the rules of recycling and to remember Arol's son, Wayne Wentzell, who died of cystic fibrosis nine years ago. It was Wayne's idea to start the ENVIRO-DEPOT™ with his dad and since his passing, Arol Wentzell has set up a scholarship fund in his son's memory. Customers dropping off their containers at Wentzell's Bottle Recycling can donate their bottle refund to the scholarship fund. To date, over $11,000 has been raised with the funds going toward students who have CF or students who want to study carpentry, which was one of Wayne's passions. Today, thanks to the Wentzells, recycling is a way of life in New Germany.

Technological Improvements

This year RRFB Nova Scotia introduced a secure web-based system for depot statements and inquiries that streamlines payments to depots, truckers and processors.

RRFB Nova Scotia also brought in new state-of-the-art scanners that will improve the efficiency of data collection, making reporting and payments to the depot, truckers, and processors easier. The scanners are important tools for tracking recyclable material as it flows from the consumer to the ENVIRO-DEPOT™ and on to recycling markets.

New Promotional Materials

The expansion of the Deposit-Refund Program was an opportunity to revise ENVIRO-DEPOT™ brochures and signs. Improvements include the incorporation of important depot messages such as: Remove Caps - Rinse Containers - Do not Crush Containers - Leave Labels On - Recycle milk and food containers through your municipal recycling programs.

Wentzell's Bottle Recycling in Lunenburg County has raised over $11,000 to help fund students with cystic fibrosis as well as aspiring carpenters.

International Delegations

This year RRFB Nova Scotia continued discussions with other areas of the world interested in setting up recycling programs. Negotiations to recycle materials from the small French islands of St. Pierre et Miquelon continued this year. RRFB Nova Scotia also hosted delegations from the Caribbean and Japan that toured Nova Scotia recycling and composting facilities.

10 Years of Deposit-Refund Program

RRFB Nova Scotia recycled its two-billionth beverage container this year. That's a lot of containers – and a massive effort by Nova Scotians to recycle. Almost half of those containers are aluminum, which carries a high resale value. Aluminum cans in Nova Scotia are shipped to Alcan in the United States where they are converted into new aluminum products such as cans, sheeting, foil and even automobile parts.

The Power of Giving – Education Haiti Outreach

When John and Beverley Chappelle were invited to visit missionary friends in Haiti in 1997, they were shocked by the poverty and living conditions. When they returned to Nova Scotia, the Chappelles decided they had to do something to help. The Chappelles and other members of the Fellowship of Christians organized Education Haiti Outreach to channel funds to educate Haitian children.

The Chappelles saw an opportunity to raise money for their humanitarian efforts in Nova Scotia's Beverage Container Deposit-Refund Program and started collecting refundable beverage containers that littered the roadways. In their first month of collecting, they netted $27.

Over the past decade, Education Haiti Outreach has established connections with local churches, the Halifax International Airport and businesses such as Midas Muffler, Subway, Jungle Jim's, and Steak and Stein in the Sackville, Bedford and Dartmouth areas. Beverage containers are collected by Education Haiti Outreach volunteers and brought to Sackville Bottle Exchange were they are refunded for cash. Between $600- $800 per month is raised from refunds received for beverage containers. The funds go directly into the Education Haiti Outreach fund to pay school fees, and buy books, school supplies, uniforms and lunches for the children in Haiti.

By the end of December 2005, the Chappelles and other volunteers had collected more than 600,000 beverage containers and raised more than $35,000 for Education Haiti Outreach. Given the growing support for their program, John Chappelle estimates that they will collect their millionth container sometime next year. The hard work and humanitarian efforts of the Chappelles just shows how far a five or ten-cent refund can go.

Between 1997 and 2006, Education Haiti Outreach collected more than 600,000 beverage containers and raised over $35,000 to help school kids at the Hand Across the Sea School in the DeChapele region of Haiti.

MANDATE 3

DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT INDUSTRY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

Industry stewardship programs help companies share the responsibility for the recycling and proper disposal of the products they manufacture. Stewardship ensures that a product's end-of-life management is given as much importance as its creation and sale.

Electronic Waste (E-Waste)

Nova Scotia continues to move toward implementing an electronic waste recovery program. A feasibility study was completed this year that will help determine the direction for an E-waste program. The Province is also revising an Electronics Product Stewardship Program regulation that will soon come into effect. Once implemented, RRFB Nova Scotia will be responsible for administering the Province's Electronics Product Stewardship Program.

The feasibility study found that:

- based on successes achieved in other jurisdictions, a Nova Scotia e-waste program can expect to capture 95% of all products included in the program
- over 90% of materials in these end-of-life products can be recycled with current technology
- additional employment opportunities are created with each new recycling program launched - beyond a network of e-waste collection and drop-off sites province-wide, electronic waste products can be disassembled in Nova Scotia before being shipped to recycling markets
- regional market opportunities exist for some of these e-waste materials, such as leaded glass, plastics and metals
- electronics producers will be responsible for managing their end-of-life products either on their own or through a program developed in cooperation with and managed by RRFB Nova Scotia

Used Tire Program

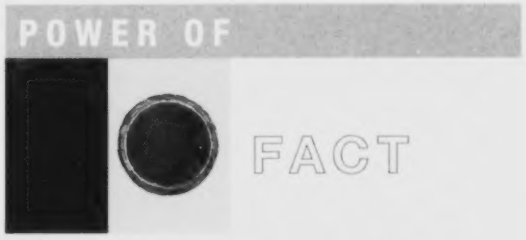
A total of 1,017,000 used tires* were collected in Nova Scotia in fiscal 2006. Due to changing market conditions, Atlantic Recycled Rubber shipped about half of these tires out of Nova Scotia to be used in the manufacture of cement in Quebec.

ACTION PLAN 2005-2006

- Administer the Used Tire Management and Paint Recycling Programs to ensure compliance with the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations and ensure that Nova Scotians receive maximum environmental and economic benefits.
- Work together with industry, municipalities and the Province to develop, implement and administer industry stewardship programs for the Province.

Leftover Paint Stewardship Program

This year 279,000 units of leftover paint were collected through the depot network. This equates to approximately 318,000 litres of leftover paint, which is recycled into new Boomerang-brand paint and sold in hardware and paint stores throughout Canada. About 10% of the material collected through the depot network is not part of the paint program. RRFB Nova Scotia is working with Enviro-Depots to reduce the amount of non-program material collected. Preliminary discussions are underway to include other paints and household hazardous waste material in a stewardship program.



Since RRFB Nova Scotia's Paint Recycling Program began in 2002, 1 million litres of paint have been recycled.

* A tire is considered equivalent to a Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE)

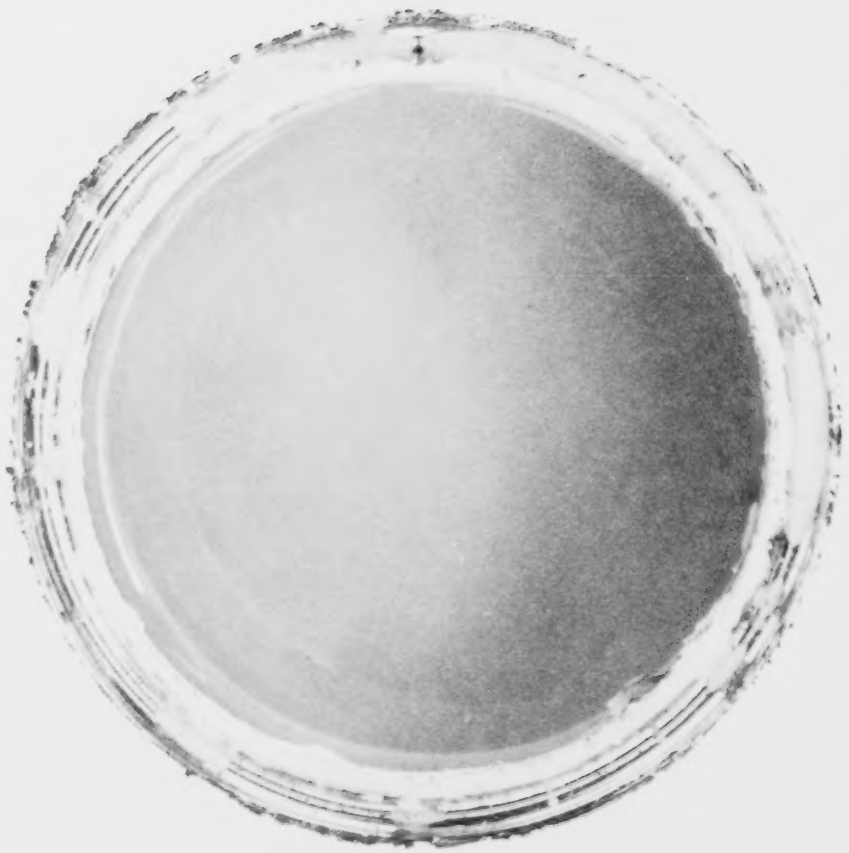
THE POWER OF STEWARDSHIP

RRFB Nova Scotia works with the Province and the municipalities to negotiate industry stewardship agreements designed to maximize diversion of waste materials. Through these agreements, industry accepts responsibility for the cost of diverting their products from the waste stream when they are no longer of use.

RRFB Nova Scotia's stewardship programs encourage companies to take responsibility for the recycling or disposal of the products they manufacture. Stewardship ensures diversion is top-of-mind at the beginning of a product's consumer cycle – so it's also a priority at the end.

Since 1996, RRFB Nova Scotia has supported new, innovative ways to manage products from "cradle to grave." In the past decade:

- more than seven million tires were recycled in Nova Scotia
- one million litres of paint have been recycled since 2002



MANDATE 4

DEVELOP EDUCATION AND AWARENESS OF SOURCE REDUCTION, REUSE, RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING

Environmental education and awareness are integral to creating and sustaining a waste-less province. RRFB Nova Scotia and its partners continued to promote recycling, composting, and waste diversion in many creative ways throughout fiscal 2006.

Nova Scotia Recycles Contest Breaks New Record

The 6th annual Nova Scotia Recycles contest, open to students from grades primary to 12, attracted a record 8,800 entries from 258 schools this year. That's an increase of over 50% from the previous year. Seven regional celebrations were held to recognize winning students and teachers – some of these celebrations attracted over 100 people. Both Empire Theatres and Mountain Equipment Co-op sponsored the contest for the third year in a row. Teacher feedback surveys showed that the contest is highly regarded by everyone involved.

Waste Reduction Week

Waste Reduction Week (October 17 - 23, 2005) once again proved to be a successful partnership between RRFB Nova Scotia, Clean Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia's 55 municipalities. Activities that took place during the week included an ENVIRO-DEPOT™ contest, business visits, community swaps, and more. Many municipalities also promoted the "Get Caught" contest, whereby educators provided prizes and incentives to businesses and residents who were "caught" recycling and composting properly.

Community Sponsorships

In fiscal 2006, funding was provided to dozens of community groups to support various environmental initiatives, including: Antigonish Highland Games - funding to support the festival's recycling and composting programs; Wilmot Baptist Church - funding to purchase recycling containers for the church; Chester Yacht Club - funding to support "Ship to Shore," an initiative to provide waste reduction kits to boaters; and, Knights of Columbus in Yarmouth - funding to build a waste separation container for their facility.

ACTION PLAN 2005-2006

- Work with municipalities, the Province and other stakeholders to promote education and awareness programs that encourage waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting.
- Provide a clear and consistent message so stakeholders understand the Solid Waste-Resource Management Strategy.

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This year RRFB Nova Scotia's website received over 41,000 hits – double the previous year's totals. Requests for information also increased to more than 6,000 inquires.

THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION – 10 YEARS OF TURNING AWARENESS INTO ACTION

RRFB Nova Scotia works with regional education partners to promote participation in waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting programs. Waste reduction educators deliver presentations to schools, businesses and community groups, and organize displays at festivals and events throughout the province.

To complement regional initiatives, RRFB Nova Scotia maintains a website and toll-free hotline, develops provincial advertising messages, and creates educational and training resources. RRFB Nova Scotia also sponsors workshops, conferences, and community-based organizations that promote the goals and objectives of the Solid Waste-Resource Management Strategy.

Recycling Requests Doubled

From April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 there were over 41,000 hits on RRFB Nova Scotia's website – double the previous year's totals. Requests for information also increased to more than 6,000 inquires. Many of these requests are detailed inquires from outside Nova Scotia. The Nova Scotia Materials Exchange, the on-line marketplace for trading and selling materials developed with Dalhousie's Eco-Efficiency Centre, continues to grow in popularity and currently has over 180 postings.

Moby S. Loop continued to visit schools and attend community events. From April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 Moby delivered 310 presentations to schools and communities across Nova Scotia.

Mobius Environmental Awards

Thirteen businesses, individuals and organizations were recognized at an awards luncheon in April 2006. This year 60 entries were received in 12 different categories. Over 260 people attended the luncheon, which featured keynote speaker Dr. Roberta Bondar. This year the Mobius Awards were combined with the East Coast Environmental Conference in partnership with the Nova Scotia Association of Waste Reduction Coordinators and the Nova Scotia Environmental Industry Association.

Roberta Bondar

Education Program Evaluation

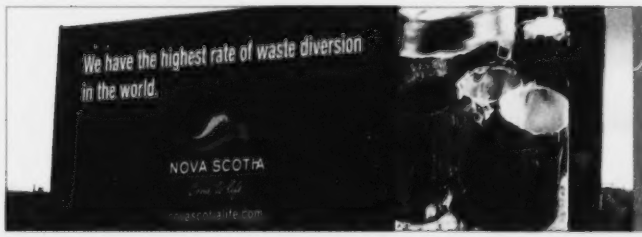
Horizons Community Development Associates completed an evaluation framework for RRFB Nova Scotia, which will be used to evaluate RRFB Nova Scotia's many education and awareness programs. The framework was developed in consultation with stakeholders and will help determine how effective these educational and social marketing programs are at persuading Nova Scotians to foster sustainable behaviour and reduce waste.

Conferences and Events

RRFB Nova Scotia exhibited or presented at many provincial, national and international conferences and exhibitions this year including: the Rethinking Development-GPI Atlantic, Atlantic Association of Science Teachers, Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, Association of Municipal Administrators, and East Coast Environmental Conferences; NovaKnowledge Environmental Economy Report Card; Tourism Industry Association and APEX Hospitality trade shows; national Extended Producer Responsibility workshops; and, tire recycling forums. RRFB Nova Scotia representatives also accompanied Trade Team Nova Scotia Environment to the Caribbean Water and Waste Water Conference in Barbados.

Training for Environmental Educators

Following the success of the introductory workshop on Community-Based Social Marketing (CBSM) with Professor Doug McKenzie-Mohr in June, RRFB Nova Scotia organized an advanced workshop in November for waste reduction and environmental educators from across Atlantic Canada. CBSM principles work to encourage sustainable behaviour and help individuals and groups become more environmentally responsible.



RRFB Nova Scotia collaborated with Brand Nova Scotia to promote innovation in waste reduction. Brand Nova Scotia used billboards, print ads and TV commercials as an avenue to promote Nova Scotia's reputation as a leader in waste-resource management.

MANDATE 5

PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF VALUE-ADDED MANUFACTURING IN NOVA SCOTIA

Business Development Program

Nova Scotia continues to develop a worldwide reputation for its innovative waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting programs. Much of Nova Scotia's success lies in our ability to convert waste-resources into business opportunities that protect the environment and create jobs. RRFB Nova Scotia, through its Business Development Program, fosters business opportunities by providing financial support to entrepreneurs, businesses and not-for-profit organizations that divert waste materials from the landfill. The program also encourages innovative research and development within the solid waste-resource sector. Projects must support the goals of Nova Scotia's Solid Waste-Resource Management Strategy by either diverting waste materials or adding value to materials once discarded, and creating employment and potential export opportunities.

Steer Clean + Switch Out

RRFB Nova Scotia has provided funding to two innovative programs geared to reduce automobile pollution. The Ecology Action Centre's Steer Clean program aims to remove older, pre-1995 vehicles from Nova Scotia's roads. These old cars produce significantly higher exhaust emissions than newer cars and contribute to Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions.

RRFB Nova Scotia also supports the Clean Air Foundation's Switch Out program – the first such initiative in Canada to address the use of mercury in vehicles and mercury-emissions from vehicle recycling. It represents a partnership of government, the auto recycling industry, and non-profit organizations with the common goal of implementing a cost-efficient, and sustainable program to recover harmful mercury from derelict vehicles and prevent it from being released into the environment.

Both of these new programs complement RRFB Nova Scotia's Derelict Vehicle Program which has recovered countless old wrecks from Nova Scotia's countryside.

ACTION PLAN 2005-2006

- Support the re-processing and re-manufacturing of materials recovered from municipal waste disposal.
- Provide financial assistance to develop value-added products from these recovered materials.

POWER OF

FACT

On average 900,000 tires are collected and recycled annually through Nova Scotia's Used Tire Management Program.

Post - Consumer Glass and C&D Studies

RRFB Nova Scotia recently commissioned a study to determine the feasibility of recycling glass right here in Nova Scotia rather than shipping it out of province. The study will determine the amount of post-consumer glass collected through the deposit-refund and municipal bluebag programs. The study will also look at new or previously untapped market opportunities for this recyclable material.

This year, RRFB Nova Scotia partnered with Nova Scotia Environment and Labour to fund a Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Management Study. C&D debris continues to be a large contributor to the waste stream. However, with improved monitoring and management at both construction and demolition sites, and at landfills, there is an opportunity to find alternate uses for these materials. RRFB Nova Scotia will work with the Province and municipalities to jointly pursue C&D debris diversion initiatives in the coming year.

Novapet

In 1998 RRFB Nova Scotia acquired a controlling interest in Novapet, a post-consumer plastic recycling facility in Amherst. Novapet adds value to PET bottles by processing them into plastic flake, which is used to make plastic sheeting, carpet and clothing. Over the years, RRFB Nova Scotia provided leadership and a steady supply of PET to Novapet that enabled the company to grow. In 2005, RRFB Nova Scotia sold its shares in Novapet. It is now owned by UltrePet of Albany, New York, one of the largest PET recyclers in North America.

A Sweet Success Story

Environmental challenges have created business opportunities for L+M Feed Services. The company is, literally, turning chocolate and dust into groundbreaking products. When Ian MacHattie began his business in Onslow, Colchester County back in 1991, he knew farmers needed to reduce their feed costs – and reduce their dependency on imported grains. So L + M Feeds began blending food waste with traditional grains - and started making a balanced feed that met farmers' demands. Today L + M Feeds is turning by-products generated by chocolate and candy manufacturers, grain elevators, microbreweries and mills into new products. Their newest line of animal feed is made completely from recovered food waste, and their new feed recipe can replace grains in the standard feed. Plus it blends something sweet into the mix – by-products from chocolate manufacturers. L + M's innovative technology is keeping feed costs more reasonable for local farmers, diverting 3,200 tonnes a year of organic waste from our landfills - and putting even more contented looks on cows. For their innovative practices, the company was awarded the 2006 Mobius Environmental Award for Innovation in Waste Reduction.

It's a sweet life for Nova Scotia cows and other livestock. Colchester County's L+M Feed Services is mixing chocolate, candy and other food by-products with traditional grains to reduce waste - and create a new brand of feed.

THE POWER OF INNOVATION – 10 YEARS OF VALUE-ADDED THINKING

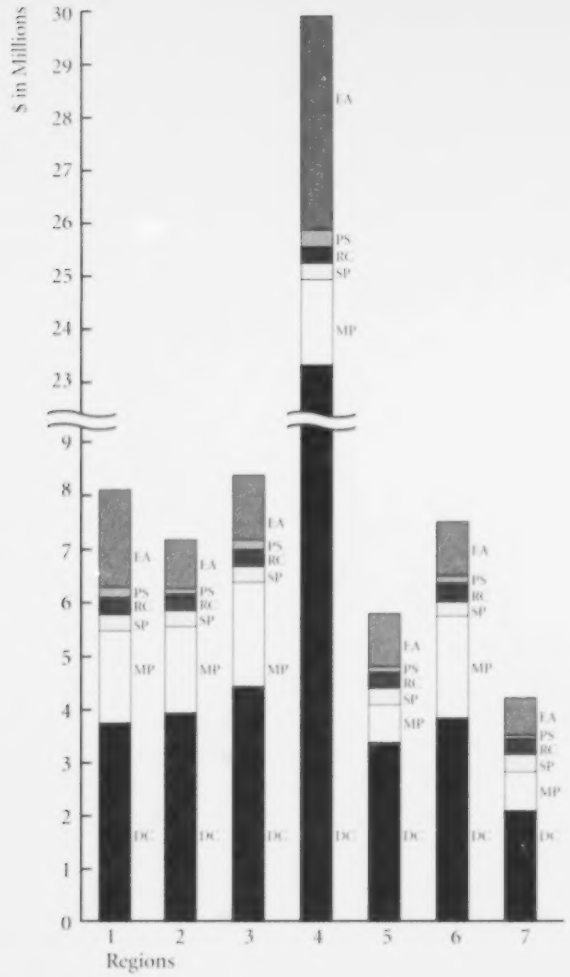
RRFB Nova Scotia provides funding to local companies and entrepreneurs with innovative ideas for using waste as a resource in the manufacture of new products. We also support business growth in Nova Scotia through research and development of new technologies that utilize materials recovered from the waste stream.

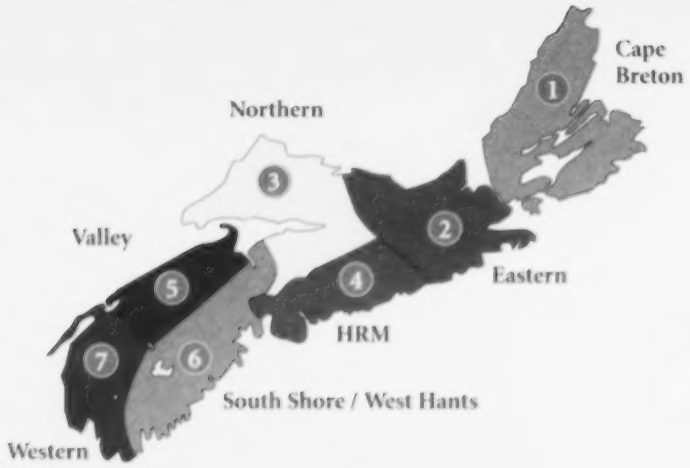
The concept of waste as a resource is growing stronger as individuals, communities, and businesses recognize the economic and environmental benefits of turning banned materials into useful products through recycling and composting programs.

Since 1996, RRFB Nova Scotia has provided over $6.1 million to businesses and not-for-profit organizations to turn waste materials into business opportunities.

AT A GLANCE

Municipal Funding from RRFB Nova Scotia across our seven regions, 1997–2006





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Operating Results & Distribution of Net Revenues

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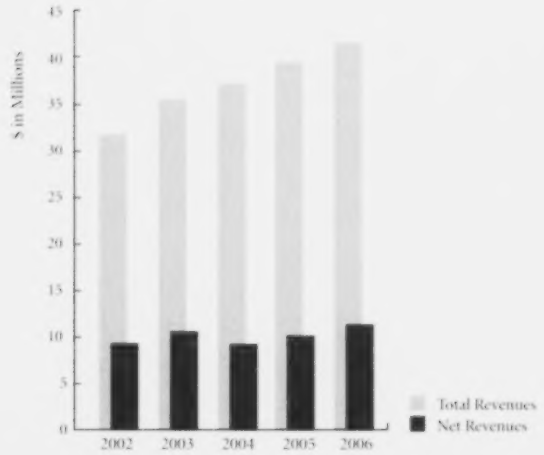
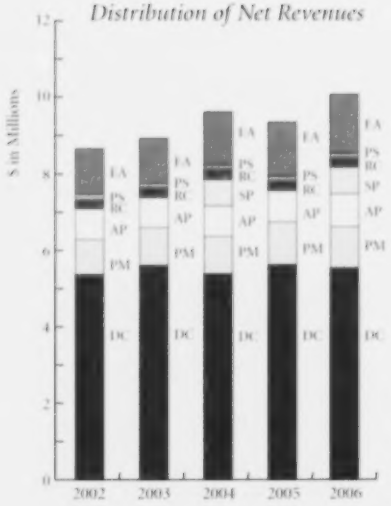


Distribution of Net Revenues



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FINANCIAL REPORTS

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc.

We have audited the combined statement of financial position of the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc. as at March 31, 2006 and the combined statements of operations, changes in net resources and cash flows for the year then ended. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the combined financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these combined financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc. as at March 31, 2006 and the combined results of its operations, changes in net resources and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Grant Thornton LLP

Truro, Nova Scotia
May 17, 2006

Grant Thornton LLP
Chartered Accountants

COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended March 31, 2006	Budget 2006	2006	2005
Revenues			
Deposits	$ 30,753,300	$ 32,198,896	$ 30,886,475
Sales of recyclable materials	3,835,100	4,478,523	3,755,167
Stewardship	1,026,500	968,461	1,046,275
Tire program	3,306,100	3,309,572	3,215,205
Rental income	201,600	201,600	184,800
Investment and other income	535,400	469,807	310,502
Total revenues	39,658,000	41,626,859	39,398,424
Expenses			
Operating	28,093,200	29,197,638	26,745,513
Administrative	1,624,800	1,384,779	1,572,324
Other expenditures and allocations			
Approved program grants	1,451,800	816,406	1,065,945
Education and awareness	1,659,000	1,522,619	1,435,595
Regional committees	250,000	242,178	250,000
Derelict vehicle program	100,000	59,863	55,776
Household hazardous waste program	70,000	69,443	70,000
Municipal Solid Waste Diversion	4,851,100	5,491,000	5,592,000
Special municipal allocation:	-	700,000	-
Province of Nova Scotia	970,200	1,098,000	1,118,000
Research, development and special projects	350,000	-	-
	39,420,100	40,581,926	37,905,153
Net revenue before equity earnings	237,900	1,044,933	1,493,271
Equity in net profit of a business enterprise	-	38,564	44,056
Gain on sale of interest in a business enterprise	-	52,507	-
Excess of revenues over expenditures	$ 237,900	$ 1,136,004	$ 1,537,327

See accompanying notes to the combined financial statements

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET RESOURCES

Year Ended March 31						2006	2005
	Invested in Capital Assets	Invested in Value-added Manufacturing	Restricted for Future Projects	Restricted for Approved Programs	Net Revenues	Total	Total
Balance, beginning of year	$ 1,950,386	$ 285,179	$ 1,995,344	$ 5,951,179	$ -	**$ 10,182,088**	$ 8,644,761
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(348,555)	91,071	-	-	1,393,488	1,136,004	1,537,327
Investment in capital assets	410,768	-	-	-	(410,768)	-	-
	2,012,599	376,250	1,995,344	5,951,179	982,720	11,318,092	10,182,088
Internal transfers from (to)	-	(376,250)	376,250	5,491,229	(5,491,229)	-	-
Derelict vehicle program	-	-	-	(59,863)	59,863	-	-
Education and awareness program	-	-	-	(1,522,619)	1,522,619	-	-
Household hazardous waste program	-	-	-	(69,443)	69,443	-	-
Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour	-	-	-	(1,098,000)	1,098,000	-	-
Approved programs	-	-	-	(816,406)	816,406	-	-
Regional committees	-	-	-	(242,178)	242,178	-	-
Special municipal allocation	-	-	-	(700,000)	700,000	-	-
Balance, end of year	$ 2,012,599	$ -	$ 2,371,594	$ 6,933,899	$ -	**$ 11,318,092**	$ 10,182,088

Restricted for approved programs represented by:	
Committed funds (Note 7 (b))	$ 1,418,278
Uncommitted funds	5,515,621
	$ 6,933,899

See accompanying notes to the combined financial statements

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31	2006	2005
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 8,786,942	$ 14,535,054
Receivables	3,229,451	3,042,079
Accrued receivable	320,681	233,278
Note receivable (Note 3)	32,507	185,145
Investment in a business enterprise, at equity	-	285,179
Investments, at cost which approximates fair market value	8,000,000	-
	20,369,581	18,280,735
Financial liabilities		
Payables and accruals	1,791,110	940,579
Municipal solid waste diversion credits payable	5,491,000	5,592,000
Unearned revenue	4,036,800	3,848,500
	11,318,910	10,381,079
Net financial resources	9,050,671	7,899,656
Non-financial assets		
Inventory	129,573	141,308
Prepaids	125,249	190,738
Property and equipment (Note 4)	1,978,865	1,890,156
Organizational costs, net of accumulated amortization	33,734	60,230
	2,267,421	2,282,432
Net resources (Note 7 and Page 20)	$ 11,318,092	$ 10,182,088

Commitments (Note 5)

On Behalf of the Board

Lloyd E Matheson

Lloyd Matheson, Director

R G Ramsay

Richard G. Ramsay, Director

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended March 31	2006	2005
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents:		
Operating		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	$ 1,136,004	$ 1,537,327
Equity in net profit of a business enterprise	(38,564)	(44,056)
Gain on sale of interest in a business enterprise	(52,507)	-
Depreciation and amortization	360,249	324,847
Gain on sale of equipment	(11,694)	(16,091)
	1,393,488	1,802,027
Change in non-cash operating working capital		
Receivables	(274,775)	(294,151)
Inventory	11,735	(57,190)
Prepaids	65,489	59,833
Payables and accruals	749,531	(934,574)
Unearned revenue	188,300	67,900
	2,133,768	643,845
Investing		
Proceeds from sale of:		
Equipment	36,000	31,606
Interest in a business enterprise	376,250	-
Purchase of:		
Property and equipment	(446,768)	(1,436,085)
Marketable securities	(8,000,000)	-
Repayment of notes receivable, net	152,638	-
	(7,881,880)	(1,404,479)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(5,748,112)	(760,634)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	14,535,054	15,295,688
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	$ 8,786,942	$ 14,535,054

See accompanying notes to the combined financial statements

1. Nature of operations

The Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc. is a not-for-profit organization established by the Nova Scotia government to develop and administer industry stewardship programs that increase waste diversion, enable the establishment of new industries based on the processing of materials diverted from the waste stream, and provide incentives to the people of Nova Scotia to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.

Under regulation, all revenues earned are deposited to the Resource Recovery Fund, which is the property of the Province of Nova Scotia. All expenditures incurred by the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc. to operate, administer and fulfil the mandates of the Province of Nova Scotia Solid Waste Management Strategy are expenditures of the Resource Recovery Fund. Accordingly all assets, liabilities and net resources reported in these financial statements are the property of the Resource Recovery Fund and are held on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia by the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation
The combined financial statements include the accounts of the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc. and the Resource Recovery Fund. Significant inter-entity loans and transactions have been eliminated in these combined financial statements. These combined financial statements are the representations of management prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for provincial governments as established by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Use of estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principals requires the organization's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from those reported.

Revenue recognition
Resource Recovery Fund follows the deferral method of accounting for revenue.

Depreciation
Rates and bases of depreciation applied to write-off the cost of property and equipment over their estimated lives are as follows:

Building	5%, straight line
Field equipment	20%, straight line
Leasehold improvements	14.2%, straight line
Office and warehouse equipment	20%, straight line
Computer hardware and software	33⅓%, straight line
Containers	
- Bags	33⅓%, straight line
- Tubs	10%, straight line
Vehicles	33⅓%, straight line

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Inventory
Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

Unearned revenue
Unearned revenue represents deposits received from distributors for beverage containers that have not been returned for redemption. Unearned revenue consists of deposits received in the last sixty (60) days adjusted by the current year return rate.

Organizational costs
Organizational costs for new programs are amortized on a straight line basis over five years.

Forgivable loans
Forgivable loans for approved programs are shown as an expenditure when issued. If the terms and conditions of these loans are not met then any recovery would be recognized at that time. At March 31, 2006 the outstanding balance of forgivable loans is $197,157.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short term investments with maturity dates of 90 days or less. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Financial instruments
Financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, receivables, note receivable, investments, payables and accruals, municipal solid waste diversion credits payable and unearned revenue. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from financial instruments. The fair market value of these financial instruments are at least equal to their carrying values.

Income taxes
The organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 149(1)(d) of the *Canadian Income Tax Act*.

3. Note receivable

	2006	2005
Note receivable repaid during the year.	$ -	$ 185,145
Non-interest bearing note receivable payable in equal monthly instalments, maturing in 2010.	32,507	-
	$ 32,507	$ 185,145

4. Property and equipment

			2006	2005
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	$ 282,000	$ –	$ 282,000	$ 282,000
Field equipment	469,706	226,604	243,102	68,037
Building	969,430	88,744	880,686	849,322
Office and warehouse equipment	99,679	93,261	6,418	9,997
Containers	1,266,245	839,119	427,126	582,782
Leasehold improvements	12,407	11,284	1,123	2,899
Computer hardware and software	525,624	467,306	58,318	39,452
Vehicles	130,640	50,548	80,092	55,667
	$ 3,755,731	$ 1,776,866	$ 1,978,865	$ 1,890,156

5. Commitments

(a) The fund has entered into agreements to lease office space and a warehouse. Minimum monthly rent payable is $5,034. The lease is due to expire in May 2006. Management expects to renew its lease agreement upon expiration of the existing lease.

(b) The Resource Recovery Fund has entered into agreements with specific organizations and businesses to provide funding for various recycling programs across Nova Scotia. At March 31, 2006, $1,418,278 of the restricted for approved programs resources has been committed under these agreements.

6. Related party transactions

(a) During five months of the fiscal year, the fund had the following transactions with a commonly controlled business enterprise:

(i) sold plastic beverage bottles and other recyclable product in the amount of $382,759 (2005 - $795,682) to a business enterprise; and

(ii) received rental income of $84,000 from a business enterprise.

(b) The fund also paid $1,098,000 (2005 - $1,118,000) to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour as reimbursement of services and expenses incurred on the fund's behalf. Included in liabilities is a $298,000 relating to this reimbursement.

7. Restrictions on net resources

Net resources under the Resource Recovery Fund have been internally restricted for the following purposes:

(a) Restricted for future projects - represents the amount internally restricted for funding various future projects as approved by the board and in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Resource Recovery Fund.

(b) Restricted for approved programs - represents the amount internally restricted for various recycling programs and initiatives in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Resource Recovery Fund. Of the amount internally restricted, $1,418,278 has been committed by the board to assist in the funding of various recycling programs across Nova Scotia.

TIMELINE OF RRFB NOVA SCOTIA MILESTONES

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NOVA SCOTIA

RRFB NOVA SCOTIA IS ESTABLISHED

RRFB Nova Scotia is established as a not-for-profit organization to administer key components of the province's Solid Waste-Resource Management Strategy. RRFB Nova Scotia's goal is to work with municipalities, government and industry to ensure that Nova Scotians receive the maximum environmental and economic benefits associated with waste management and resource recovery.

A GREAT RETURN ON DEPOSITS

The Deposit-Refund Program for Beverage Containers comes into effect on April 1, 1996, and applies to most ready-to-serve beverages. Nova Scotia has consistently maintained one of the highest return rates for beverage containers in North America.

1996

NEW PET PROJECT

RRFB Nova Scotia takes a lead position in NOVAPET Inc., an Amherst-based company that processes plastic polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles recovered through municipal and Deposit - Refund programs – creating up to 50 jobs.

ONE SOLUTION, MANY RETURNS

RRFB Nova Scotia launches its "One Simple Solution" program that allows consumers to return beer and liquor containers exclusively to the province's Enviro-Depots for a refund. The program makes recycling convenient for consumers, adds revenues for depot operators and creates a more efficient recycling system.

1998

1997

ROCAPS FOLLOWS THE DIME

RRFB Nova Scotia developed ROCAPS 2000™ to administer Nova Scotia's Deposit-Refund Program for Beverage Containers. ROCAPS 2000™ enables RRFB Nova Scotia to pay Enviro-Depots, truckers and regional processors that collect, handle and process recyclables. Today, ROCAPS 2000™ is more than a tool to manage the beverage container system. ROCAPS 2000™ now handles the beverage container, tire and paint programs administered by RRFB Nova Scotia and has the capacity to electronically process more than one million field transactions and over 15,000 payments annually.

TIRE RECYCLING GETS ROLLING

On-road motor vehicle tires with a rim size of 24.5 inches or less are banned from disposal in Nova Scotia to conserve landfill space and reduce environmental hazards. Used tires are recycled first in Cornwallis and later in Kemptown. Since 1996, RRFB Nova Scotia has diverted more than seven million tires from landfills.

ORGANICS BANNED

In 1998, food and yard waste is banned from disposal in provincial landfills and incinerators, which means that you can no longer put organic waste in the regular garbage. Nova Scotians divert over 70,000 tonnes of organic waste every year through curbside collection in green carts and backyard composting.

DECADE AT A GLANCE

1999

MILLENNIUM MILESTONE

In 2000, Nova Scotia becomes the first province or state in North America to reach the 50% target for diverting half of its solid waste from disposal in landfills.

50% BY 2000

2001

SHARP IDEAS

Safe SHARPS BRING-BACK PROGRAM

RRFB Nova Scotia helps unveil the Safe Sharps Bring-Back Program, a new industry-sponsored program to help ensure the safe disposal of used household needles, syringes and other "sharps."

RECYCLED PAINT GETS A SECOND CHANCE

The Nova Scotia Paint Recycling Program is launched to help keep paint out of landfills, incinerators, and our environment. Leftover paint is turned into recycled Boomerang paint products. Over 2 million containers of paint are purchased every year in Nova Scotia. Almost 25% of this paint is never used.

2000

WORMS AND VALUE-ADDED THINKING

A total of $500,000 is awarded to 12 private sector projects to develop value-added manufacturing in Nova Scotia. Funded projects include a vermicomposting demonstration project – which uses worms to facilitate the composting process – to assess the commercial viability of larger-scale vermicomposting operations.

ONE BILLION DOWN, ONE BILLION TO GO

The one-billionth beverage container is recycled in Nova Scotia – halfway through RRFB Nova Scotia's first decade of operation.

2002

WATCH THIS SPACE

The Province of Nova Scotia signs a unique long-term stewardship agreement with the province's daily and community newspapers. Together, the newspapers donate $150,000 of in-kind advertising space annually to help RRFB Nova Scotia and the municipalities promote environmental action.

TIMELINE OF RRFB NOVA SCOTIA MILESTONES

2004

RECYCLING ROBOT ROLLS OUT

RRFB Nova Scotia's recycling robot goes into action as a member of the education and awareness team. Moby S. Loop (Moby for short) promises to deliver more than just a catchy name... Moby delivers the "reduce, reuse, recycle" message to students from Pubnico to Neil's Harbour.

2006

OLD LANDFILLS CLOSED

By the end of 2005, all old landfills had closed. Now seven engineered landfills, all built to new "second-generation" standards, service Nova Scotia communities. Before the Province's Solid Waste-Resource Management Strategy was launched in 1995, there were 40 landfills spread across Nova Scotia.

2 BILLION CONTAINERS AND COUNTING

Nova Scotians recycled over two billion beverage containers, diverting them from the landfill and converting them into new valuable products like new aluminum cans, plastic sheeting, carpet and clothing.

2003

GLOBAL REPUTATION GROWS

RRFB Nova Scotia solidifies its reputation as a world leader in solid waste management. We continue to hold study tours for international delegates from around the globe, and pursue new domestic and international markets for the ROCAPS 2000™ recyclables tracking system.

2005

NEW FEES FOR DEPOTS

RRFB Nova Scotia and the province's ENVIRO-DEPOT™ operators establish a new process for setting handling fees paid to licensed depots for redeemable beverage containers and refillable beer bottles.

RECYCLING PROGRAM EXPANDS

Nova Scotia's Beverage Container Recycling program is expanded to include health, energy and diet drinks. This means more than a million additional beverage containers will be recycled annually and diverted from the waste stream.

RRFB NOVA SCOTIA'S MISSION

Ensure that the people of Nova Scotia receive the maximum environmental and economic benefits associated with responsible solid waste management by developing and administering sustainable industry stewardship programs that increase diversion, assist in the establishment of new industries based on the processing of materials diverted from the waste stream, and provide incentives to residents to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.

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CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE

The Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc.'s (RRFB) Board of Directors and management have reviewed the Company's Code of Conduct and are satisfied that the Board of Directors' approach to corporate governance is consistent with the Code.

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